to A-320 VT-EPN at Bangalore was completed and cause of accident communicated to the Association.

(b) Following safety measures were taken before reinducting A-320 aircraft:

(i) All aircraft were subjected to a special maintenance schedule inspection known as "Return to Service Inspection after prolonged grounding" as recommended by Airbus Industries and 'A' Check.

(ii) Acceleration check of the engines installed on all the aircraft was carried out and found satisfactory.

(iii) The aircraft were test flown and result thereof found satisfactory.

(iv) Pilots were given refresher courses route checks and simulator experience.

(v) The Aircraft Maintenance Engineers were subjected to the refresher courses and examined by a duly constituted Board of DGCA and those found satisfactory were issued with the licence to certify the aircraft.

CBI Porbe into Airbus A-320 deal

1794. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the CBI to probe into Rs. 2500 crore Airbus A-320 deal involving the alleged kickbacks of about Rs. 250 crores;

(b) whether Government have any information about the receipients of the kickbacks; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Bureau of Investigation has registered a case of 29.3.1990 which is still under investigation by them.

इंडियन एयरलाइंस की उड़ानों में स्टेनलैस स्टील की कर्तरिकाओं का उपयोग

1795. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल** : क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इंडियन एयरलाइंस ने अपनी उड़ानों में श्रेणी "जे" में स्टेनलैस स्टील की छुरियों तथा कांटों वाली कर्तरिकाओं का उपयोग में लाना प्रारंभ कर दिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सुरक्षा की दृष्टि से इन कर्तरिकाओं का उपयोग में लाया जाना उपयुक्त है;

(ग) क्या सरकार इस निर्णय को बदल कर यथास्थिति बनाए रखने पर विचार कर रही है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) स्टेनलैस स्टील की कटलरी सुरक्षा के लिये खतरा नहीं है।

(ग) जी, नहीं

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

VIP Taken to Sharjah on AI/IA Flights

1796. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of persons including Members of Parliament were taken to Sharjah on an Indian Airlines/Air India flights;

(b) if so, what are the details of the invitees with their names; and

(c) what was the total expenditure involved in terms of rupee and foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Following 59 persons were taken from calicut to Sharjah on 15-02-1992 by Indian Airlines on their inaugural flight:

(A) Chief Guest

1. Shri M.O.H. Farook, Minister of State, Civil Aviation and Tourism.

(B) Members of Parliament (Consultative Committee on Civil Aviation)

2. Shri V.S. Vijayaraghavan
3. Shri Laeta Umbrey
4. Shri H.N. Zaintey
5. Shri S.K. Gangwar
6. Shri Mahadeepak Singh Shakya
7. Shri Kalka Das
8. Shri L.M. Tripathi
9. Shri Mohan Singh
10. Shri P.G. Narayanan
11. Shri E. Ahmed
12. Ch. Ram Sewak
13. Kum. Saroj Khaparde
14. Shri Mohd. Afzal
15. Shri G.G. Solanki
16. Shri John F. Fernandes
17. Prof. K.V. Thomas
18. Shri Mohd. Khaleelur Rehman
19. Shri K. Muraleedharan

(C) Press

20. Shri C.M. Samani
21. Shri R.R. Nag
22. Shri K. Anand
23. Shri S. Dharmarajan

24. Shri A. Roy
25. Shri R.K. Mattoo
26. Shri P.R. Ranachandran
27. Shri A. Kazkur
28. Shri Murali Krishnan
29. Shri M.K. Satye
30. Shri Trilok Deep
31. Shri P.P. Balachandran
32. Shri A.H. Qureshi
33. Shri Kailash Parihar
34. Shri M. Mohan Joshi
35. Shri Manoj Joshi
36. Smt. Jyotsna Sharma
37. Shri Sudhanshu Roy
38. Smt. Sushma Ramachandran
39. Shri Bishen Kumar
40. Shri Alok Tomar
41. Shri Pankaj Sharma
42. Shri Sharad Dwivedi
43. Shri A.R. Durrani
44. Shri Satvir Tyagi
45. Shri R.N. Chaturvedi
46. Shri N.P. Verma
47. Ms. Shikha Parihar
48. Shri Inderjit Bahl
49. Shri H.A.V. Valappil
50. Shri C.I. Gopinath
51. Shri V. Rajagopalan
52. Shri K.A. Antony
53. Shri N. Mohammad
54. Shri K. Cheriyammakanakath

(D) Other Guests

55. Shri Ravindra Gupta
56. Shri R. Mehta
57. Shri V. Khanna
58. Shri N.A. Unnieerkutty
59. Shri P.V. Gangadharan

(c) The expenditure incurred on providing hospitality to the inaugural guests was about Rs. 15,000/- in Indian Currency and equivalent to about Rs. 3.15 lakhs in foreign currency.

Withdrawal of Restricted Area Permit in North Eastern States

1797. DR. SANJAYA SINH:
SHRI DAVID LEDGER:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tourism Ministers of eastern and north-eastern States who met in Calcutta recently and urged the "Centre" to waive the restrictions on foreign tourists in the north-east; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Opening up of restricted areas to foreign tourists is constantly being reviewed in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Case of Corruption against Chairman, National Airport Authority of India

1798. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that C.B.I. have registered a case of corruption against the Chairman of National Airport Authority of India in connection with purchase of crash fire tenders;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what departmental action is being contemplated against the Chairman?